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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER GROUP: TOPPAN PACKAGING TOUR

REF: A. STATE 176919 B. TOKYO 9477

1. SUGA OF TOPPAN PRINTING CO HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO RE TOPPAN PACKAGING TOUR'S INTERESTS:

A. PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN FOOD PACKAGING FIELD. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE INFO ON NEW PACKAGING MACHINERY AND TECHNIQUES IN THIS FIELD, AS WELL AS ON DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS OF FOODSTUFFS.

B. FUTURE PROSPECTS OF PAPER AND PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIALS.

C. RECENT LABOR-SAVING INNOVATIONS IN PACKAGING FIELD.

D. POSSIBILITY OF USG IMPOSING EXPORT CONTROLS ON RAW MATERIALS OF INTEREST TO JAPAN'S PACKAGING INDUSTRY, I.E. PULP AND CHIPS.

E. USG POLICY ON CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

2. AS TIME GROUP WILL SPEND AT PMMI SHOW LIMITED (OCT 9 AND MORNING OF OCTOBER 10), AND AS ITINERARY, WHICH NOW FIRM WITH RESPECT TO VISITS TO VARIOUS PLANTS, ETC., PROVIDES FOR VISIT TO WASHINGTON, GROUP WOULD PREFER THAT
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COMMERCE BRIEFING TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, BRIEFING AT PMMI AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 9 OR MORNING OF

OCTOBER 10 ALSO ACCEPTABLE. IN EVENT PERSONS KNOW-
LEDGABLE LAST TWO ITEMS PRECEDING PARAGRAPH NOT AVAIL-
ABLE AT PMMI, GROUP WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE BRIEFING
ON THESE SUBJECTS AT COMMECE AS WELL AS BRIEFING ON
PACKAGING AT PMMI.

3. IN VIEW SIZE AND ENTHUSIASM TOPPAN GROUP EMBASSY HOPES
COMMERCE WILL BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN ACCOMMODATING
GROUP'S REQUEST. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOON-
EST RE BRIEFING PLANS FOR GROUP.
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